

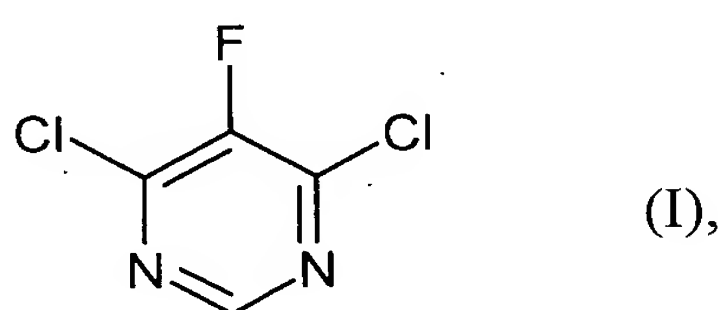
AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Please change the heading at page 17, line 1, from "**Claims**" to --**WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:**--

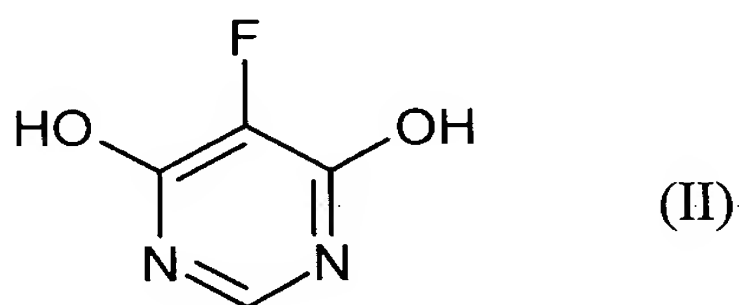
The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions of claims in the application.

Claims 1-8 (canceled)

-- Claim 9 (new): A process for preparing the compound of formula (I)



comprising reacting 4,6-dihydroxy-5-fluoropyrimidine of formula (II) or an alkali metal salt thereof



with phosgene in the presence of a solvent, optionally in the presence of a catalyst, and optionally in the presence of a phase transfer catalyst.

Claim 10 (new): A process according to Claim 9 in which the solvent is nitrobenzene.

Claim 11 (new): A process according to Claim 9 in which the catalyst is 4-dimethylaminopyridine.

Claim 12 (new): A process according to Claim 10 carried out without a catalyst and without a phase transfer catalyst.

Claim 13 (new): A process according to Claim 10 carried out using 4-dimethylaminopyridine as a catalyst but without a phase transfer catalyst.

Claim 14 (new): A process according to Claim 9 carried out at temperatures from 40°C up to the reflux temperature of the reaction mixture.

Claim 15 (new): A process according to Claim 10 carried out at temperatures from 40°C up to the reflux temperature of the reaction mixture.

Claim 16 (new): A process according to Claim 9 in which from 2 to 20 mol of phosgene are used per mole of the compound of formula (II).

Claim 17 (new): A process according to Claim 10 in which from 2 to 20 mol of phosgene are used per mole of the compound of formula (II).

Claim 18 (new): A process according to Claim 9 in which from 0 to 30 mol% of the catalyst are used per mole of the compound of formula (II).

Claim 19 (new): A process according to Claim 10 in which from 0 to 30 mol% of the catalyst are used per mole of the compound of formula (II). --